

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2301 - HB 2227

February 14, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Removes the provision in current law which allows direct appeal to the Supreme Court by a tenured faculty member who has been dismissed or suspended for cause.

Currently, a faculty member who has been awarded tenure, and who has been dismissed or suspended for cause, may obtain de novo judicial review of the final decision in Chancery Court. The decree of the Chancery Court will be subject to review by appeal to the Supreme Court first rather than taking the case to the Court of Appeals first and then to the Supreme Court.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumes enactment of the bill will have little effect since tenured faculty who have been dismissed or suspended for cause presently have the option of taking their case to the Court of Appeals before appealing to the Supreme Court. It is estimated that only a small number of appeals to the Supreme Court are presently occurring.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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